associating the [graphical representation with] <u>at least one selected representation</u> with at least one computer activation datum<u>, which when activated allows access to the database</u>;

receiving a request from a user at a second data terminal requiring authentication, the second data terminal being located remotely from the centralized computer;

inputting, at the second data terminal, a second graphical representation of the subject<u>, the second graphical representation being at least one of the captured first representations</u>;

activating the centralized computer with an activation card to download stored information from the centralized computer, the activation card only possessing activation means [and]<u>, the card not possessing</u> [without] <u>either the first or second</u> graphical [representations] <u>representation of the subject</u>;

downloading from the centralized computer information representative of the previously stored first graphical representation of the subject;

comparing, at the location of the second data terminal, the first and second graphical representations of the subject; <u>and</u>

authenticating the user if the first and second representations of the subject are substantially the same[,and

wherein the graphical representation of the subject includes one physical trait of the subject] .

Cancel claim 8 without prejudice.

Add the following new claim:

14. The method of claim 9 wherein the compression format is selected from the group consisting of JPEG, cmp, fractal compression, or wavelet compression.